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TAGS: OAS, SHUM, HO
SUBJECT: LIKELY HONDURAN STAND IN OASGA

REF:2 (A) STATE 103851, (B) MANAGUA 1944

1. GOH WILL NOT CRITICIZE THE USG OR ITS HUMAN RIGHTS
POLICY. NEITHER WILL IT ATTACK IAHRG OR LEND ITS VOTE TO ANY
SUCH INITIATIVES BY COUNTRIES WITH POOR HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS.
AS ITS ABSTENTION ON THE MONTEVIDEO OASGA VOTE DEMONSTRATED,
GOH WILL DEFEND IAHRG WITHIN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, GOH WILL NOT JOIN WITH STRONG SUPPORTERS
OF IAHRG TO LAUNCH ATTACKS ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS AS REFTTEL
SUGGESTS MAY OCCUR. IN PARTICULAR, THE GOH WILL NOT VOTE FOR
MEASURES THAT SINGLE OUT ANY OF ITS THREE NEIGHBORS. IT WILL TAKE THIS
STAND BECAUSE OF WHAT IT VIEWS AS THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL AREA
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RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY ITS GOAL OF RESOLVING THE BORDER DISPUTE WITH
EL SALVADOR AND THE NEED TO HAVE AT LEAST THE BENIGN SUPPORT OF
GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA FOR THIS. GOH WOULD ARGUE THAT THIS
ISSUE TAKES PRECEDENCE FOR ITS HUMAN RIGHTS TERMS.

3. THE GOH HAS REITERATED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT IT
SHARES HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS WITH US, ALTHOUGH IT HAS ALSO EXPRESSED

SOME IRRITATION THAT THEIR PURSUIT IMPLIES INTERFERENCE
IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF HONDURAS AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THE
GOH HOPES THAT CONFRONTATIONS WILL BE AVOIDED AT THE OASGA.
IF THEY ARE NOT, DEPENDING ON HOW THE ISSUE IS FRAMED, THE GOH
MAY FIND ITSELF ABSTAINING. IN DOING SO, IT WILL ARGUE THAT ITS
ACTIONS SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT ARE ALSO CONSISTENT WITH HONDURAN
INTERESTS.
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